

# Sherlock Holmes: The Blue Diamond

## DOMINOES One

### BEFORE READING

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James Ryder: *assistant manager in a hotel*  
John Horner: *workman*  
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Mr Windigate: *pub owner (or landlord)*  
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- The people who help steal the diamond are James Ryder and Catherine Cusack.

### Activities pages 6–7

#### READING CHECK

- b T
  - c F (The tall man left a Christmas bird in the street.)
  - d T
  - e F (Holmes gave the bird to Peterson.)
  - f F (Peterson's wife found a blue diamond in the bird.)

#### WORD WORK

- b brain
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  - e shoulder
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  - g birds
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  - c He's an *intelligent* man, with a red *nose* and *grey* hair.
  - d The *crime* didn't happen in the *sitting room*.
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### Activities pages 12–13

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- b It disappeared from the Countess's *hotel room*.
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- d Holmes *doesn't understand* how the diamond got into the goose.
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- g Peterson must buy a *goose* for Henry Baker.

#### WORD WORK

- b jewel
  - c believe
- b court
  - c repair
  - d prison

#### 3 The answer is 'Morocco'.

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- a Yes
- b No
- c Yes
- d No
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### Activities pages 18–19

#### READING CHECK

- b 3
- c 3
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#### WORD WORK

- b safe
- c address
- d innocent
- e already
- f housekeeper
- g Museum
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### Activities pages 24–25

- a 5
- b 6
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### Activities pages 38–39

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### GUESS WHAT

- 1 Encourage students to guess and to give reasons for their answers before telling them the answers:
  - a The Final Problem
  - b The Sign of Four
  - c The Empty House
  - d The Dancing Men
- 2 Open answers.

### Project A pages 40–41

- 1 Open answers.
- 2 Name: *Sherlock Holmes*  
Home: *Baker Street, London*  
Appearance: *tall and thin, can look very different when he wants*  
Usual clothes: *hat and coat*  
Habits: *smokes, lives with his housekeeper, Mrs Hudson*  
Hobbies: *plays music in his free time*
- 3 Open answer.

### Project B pages 42–44

- 2 1 e 2 c 3 f 4 d 5 a 6 b
- 3 Goering buys a fake Vermeer!  
During the Second World War a Dutchman, Hans van Megeeren sold a painting to a German called Herman Goering for \$150,000. Goering thought the painting was by a famous Dutch painter called Vermeer, but it was by Van Megeeren.  
Later police arrested Van Megeeren for selling a great Dutch painting, but when he painted another painting in the style of Vermeer, they released him.
- 4 Open answer.